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REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-12, and 14-23 were pending in this application. In the Election/Restriction Action dated 07 July 2003, the Examiner requested election of one of two species:

Species I – “An inner surface member of the first end of the face member is smooth (corresponding to Claims 10-12, 14-18 and 20)”; or

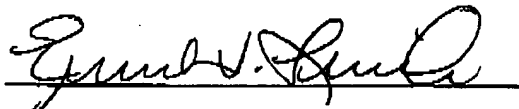
Species II – “An inner surface member of the first end of the face member is not smooth (corresponding to Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 19 and 21-23).”

By this response, Applicant has elected Species II without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file an appropriate continuing application directed to the claims of Species I.

Allowance of Species II is respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

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